

HOPE 4 PETS

TRAVEL INFORMATION



Rehoming from the Turkish Republic of North Cyprus (TRNC) to the UK

The information below should be used as a guide only. The following outlines the procedures necessary to get your pet to the UK legally and safely.

Flights

Flight - Costs for dogs/cats are based on the weight and dimensions of the crate, plus the dog's/cat's weight, the smaller the animal the cheaper it will be.

There are 2 options when arranging your pets travel, you can send your pet unaccompanied via cargo, or you can accompany your pet on their journey

Unfortunately, there is only one airline that will accept live cargo and that is Turkish Airlines, who fly from Eranc (TRNC) via Istanbul (Turkey) to the UK. Turkish Airlines fly live cargo to only three airports in the UK, Heathrow, Gatwick and Edinburgh, (Istanbul airport has an Animal Reception Centre should animals need a stopover because of connecting flights). We have no details of the reception Centre in Istanbul, or the facilities it has.

Turkish Airlines have a useful pet fee calculator, if you are travelling with your pet, and also guidance if sending your pet un-accompanied.

[Traveling with Pets – Rules and Guidelines | Turkish Airlines®](#)

[Pet Fee Calculator – Traveling with Pets | Turkish Airlines®](#)

You can take your pet in the cabin if the combined weight of your pet and carrier does not exceed 8kg, or its dimensions are less than 23 x 30 x 40 cm, otherwise they must be carried in the aircraft hold.

You can find a handy crate sizing guide on our website, under the Travel Tab

Paperwork/Vet requirements for your Pet to enter the UK

Requirements as of January 2026 are, Veterinary certificate for the UK, microchip, rabies serology test, inoculations and internal parasite treatment.

Rabies requirements from a non EU country dictate that the animal should wait in its country of origin for 4 months to allow for the serology test to be carried out in accordance with DEFRA rules, this is a mandatory requirement.

A foster home or kenneling for a minimum of 4 months should be factored into the costs when rehoming a stray/street Dog or Cat, Hope 4 Pets can advise you, unless you have someone who is willing to do this for you.

There are a number of pet transport companies in the UK who you can contact regarding pet travel. There are also a number of individuals in North Cyprus who can help you.

Please do get a few quotes before settling on the individual/company to use, we cannot recommend any specific companies, but we can pass on contact details if requested.

Most companies will help with everything from kenneling in North Cyprus, paperwork, vet travel requirements, UK customs clearance agents, and couriers in the UK to deliver your pet to your door.

Note: You have never been able to take a dog/cat into the UK from the TRNC using an EU Pet Passport.

Arrival in the UK

On arrival in the UK your pet will be taken from the aircraft to the Animal Reception Centre at either Heathrow, Gatwick or Edinburgh, via a UK customs agent arranged either by yourself or through a company you have paid to help you. You cannot clear your pet through customs yourself. It can take a number of hours for your pet to clear customs depending on the quantity of animals passing through the Animal Reception Centre, but the company you have chosen should keep you informed.

Courier

If you are not traveling with your pet on the same flight to the UK. The company you have hired to arrange travel will advise you of the costs of delivering your dog/cat to your door. Or you can arrange this yourself, or if you can't wait to be reunited with your much-loved pet you can pick them up yourself from either Heathrow or Edinburgh Animal Reception Centers.

Puppies/Kittens

Puppies and kittens must be minimum 12 weeks old before they start their travel vaccinations, plus the additional 4 months to allow for the Rabies Blood Test.

Contact details for Hope 4 Pets

 WhatsApp or  Facebook

www.hope4petsnorthcyprrus.com completing the online contact form